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The Swallows.

The autumn wind begins to sigh,
The crimson leaves grow pale,
And swiftly through the clear, cold sky,
Whole fleets of swallows sail.
They seek in islands far away
A warmer clime than ours,
Where lizards bask, and parrots play
In mingled fruit and flowers.

The drooping leaves shall wholly die,
The tempest and the rain,
And drifting snow shall fill the sky,
Before they come again;
And when, once more, in joyous bands,
They cleave spring's balmy air,
I wonder from those sunny lands
What memories they bear?

Oh, happy birds! That land is fair,
Yet still for home ye yearn;
And so ye will not linger there,
But every year return.
And thus 'tis with the human mind,
Through brighter scenes we roam,
But, whatso'er of joy we find,
The heart still clings to home.

Bread Upon the Waters.

BY MRS. EMERY.

It was a cold, raw December night; the city streets were nearly deserted, as few that had a home or shelter cared to be out in the biting blast. The bells were ringing for nine o'clock when a little girl ran rapidly down one of the business streets. Soon she came to the house she seemed seeking for, and, mounting the high stone steps, gave the bell a pull. A servant opened the door, and the child asked for Dr. Fletcher. He showed her into the office where a gentleman was seated reading the evening paper. Said the servant,—

"When will Dr. Fletcher be in, sir?"

"Not for some hours, I am afraid. Is any one in need of him?"

"Oh, yes!" said the little girl, in a distressed voice. "I am afraid my father is dying. Oh, I do want the doctor so bad!"

"Will I do, my little girl? I am here in Dr. Fletcher's place."

"Oh, yes, sir! Please come quick! He is all alone."

They were soon on their way to her father, going in the direction of the dépots. Very soon they stopped before a very respectable-looking tenement house on L—— street. They entered without ringing, passed up two flights of stairs, and were quickly in the presence of the invalid. He was breathing heavily, and had the appearance of a man about to close his earthly career,

The little girl approached him.

"Papa, I have brought the doctor."

He turned his eyes upon the stranger, and said, faintly,—

"This is not Dr. Fletcher."

"No," said the other, "I am Dr. Stanley, his friend and associate."

"It is my child I am troubled about. No doctor can do anything for me. I am almost through with the things of this world."

"I will do anything I can for your child. I have wealth and she shall be provided for. Accept the assurance from one who has never yet broken a promise."

The sick man grasped his hand and murmured feebly,—

"God send you consolation in your dying hour as you have consoled mine!"

He then asked his daughter to bring a casket she would find in his trunk, and bade her keep it sacredly until she attained her eighteenth birthday, or was engaged to the man of her choice. Then she was to open it and read what it contained.

Mr. Lemoine, the dying man, then tried to tell the doctor how he became so poor and desolate, but his strength failed; he could only tell him he was a stranger, a drawing master by profession, and of his great anxiety for the future of his child. He called her to him, blessed her again and again, and putting her little brown hand in that of the doctor, said,—

"Take care of her, and as you deal with her so may God deal with you."

He soon fell asleep; his breathing became short and fitful; he never spoke again, but passed away calmly, without a struggle.

Little Lucine drew near the doctor and whispered,—

"Papa is asleep."

"Yes, my dear, your papa is happy; he has returned to God. All his sickness and sorrows are left behind."

When she found her father was dead, poor child, she threw herself beside him in frantic grief. The doctor let her have her cry out; then he carried her to the landlady. She seemed kind and motherly, and the doctor confided his charge to her care until after the funeral. He then ordered a soothing draught for the little girl and left her.

Dr. Stanley was a young man of generous impulses, and did all the good he could in a quiet way. He had impulsively promised Mr. Lamoine to take care of his child, never thinking how it could be done. At first he hardly knew how he should dispose of the child, having no wife or mother to look to for aid.

"Ah—I have it! I will send her to school for the next six or seven years; by that time I shall probably have a home and wife."

In a few days the doctor engaged a competent person to procure a suitable outfit for his ward, and the first of the new year she commenced her studies at a first-class school in the country. He accompanied her there, and requested the principal to treat her tenderly. He thought of going to Europe the next summer, but he would see his ward again before he left America.

Lucine parted from him with real sorrow. He gained her promise to let him know from time to time if she was happy, and always to regard him as her best friend. He felt sad at bidding her good by—the little creature had really crept into his heart. She sorrowed for a time, but resolved to profit by the instruction given, so that her best friend would not be disappointed in her capabilities.

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Seven years passed away, and our little Lucine had grown into a beautiful and talented young lady. In six months she would be eighteen. She was a general favorite with her teachers and schoolmates, and still cherished a deep regard and reverence for her absent guardian.

Sometimes she feared he had ceased to care for her, and in one of her letters she spoke regretfully of his long absence. His answer was to expect him in the next steamer. In the meantime he had sent orders to his man of business to get his house ready for occupancy at a given time. He had also written to his aunt, Miss Willis, to be in readiness to commence housekeeping with him on his return, as he was going to bring his ward home to live.

The doctor came home at the time specified, and was delighted to meet his ward.

Immediately after her guardian's return, Lucine went to her future home, and Miss Willis was delighted with the beautiful girl.

A suitable wardrobe was provided for her, and a series of balls and parties was inaugurated. For three months there was rarely an evening they were not invited out or received at home. The opera and theatre demanded their share of patronage, and Lucine was always surrounded by a group of men, many of whom were men of talent and culture. She often thought of the fairy story of Cinderella, and imagined herself awakening in the uncarpeted room in the tenement house on L—— street.

It gave the doctor great pleasure to witness the admiration of the crowd for his ward. But a time soon came when jealousy was awakened; he, too, soon learned the lesson he had escaped from in his journeying over the world. It is an old saying that we are never too old to love. If love comes not in our youth it will come with redoubled strength in our maturity. The human heart craves love, and will not be cheated. Thus it was with our hero.

He had traveled seven years, mixing with all phases of society, yet had returned heart free, never having seen the woman he wished to call wife. Now he was madly in love with a child he had rescued from a life of poverty and toil! He was a patient man, yet he needed all his patience at this time. He was often called upon to intercede with Lucine for one or another of her admirers. Once he told her that she must select one and let the others go, as he was tired of playing the part of mediator. She laughed lightly and said,—

"Do, guardy, dismiss them all. I am tired myself, and would rather stay quietly at home, and bid good-by to society."

"My dear Lucine, deal frankly with your true friend, and tell me candidly, are you not in love with any of those young fellows."

"No, dear guardy, with none of these young fellows!"

"Then, do you love any one? Tell me, dear, because I am soon going away again, and if I have to lose you I would rather see you settled safely before I go."

"Oh, guardy, what shall I do without you? I shall not wish to live!"

"You have not answered my question, Lucine. Do you love any one?"

"If I must speak I will, and proclaim my own weakness. Yes, I do love one who cares nought for me. Now, guardy, I hope you will be satisfied."

Saying this she burst into a passion of tears. He gathered her to his heart and soothed her as he had done seven years before; but with a different feeling. He could scarcely restrain his own tears, man as he was, at the wreck of all his hopes.

"Oh, my darling, how gladly would I give my heart's best blood to purchase your life's happiness! We are both broken-hearted. You love one, you say, who does not return your affection. This is my case, also."

She nestled closer to him and spoke through her tears.

"Oh, guardy, no woman could know you and not love you—you, so good, generous and true!"

"Little one, if you could only love me a little—just a little!"

"Oh, guardy, don't you see that I love you better than all the world beside? I should die if you died! I could not live if you were gone!"

"My own darling!" he cried in rapture, pressing her close to his throbbing heart. "Then you will be my wife?"

"Yes," was the soft-spoken answer.

The doctor soon reminded Lucine of of her father's request to open the casket when she became engaged to the man of her choice.

"I will do so before I sleep," said Lucine.

Doctor Stanley was a happy man that evening. He had distanced all his rivals.

On retiring that night to her chamber, Lucine remembered the casket. She had kept it securely locked in her trunk ever since her father's death. She brought it reverently to the light, and with trembling hands unlocked it. It was a small ebony box, inlaid with pearl, and had been a jewel-case. In one of the compartments were several rings, a set of pearls, a few jet ornaments, and a chain and ornaments of coral that were marked "Lucine." There was nothing very expensive, but every article was precious in her eyes, as belonging to her mother.

There was a small picture painted on ivory of a lovely young face that she knew well she resembled. She shed many tears over this precious memento of that dear young mother that she trusted now was her guardian angel. Thus she loved to think of her. A letter next attracted her attention, written to her by her father on the near approach of death. It contained a history of his marriage, and revealed the fact that Lucine had influential friends in Germany.

The wedding soon took place, and no handsomer bride ever graced a church than Lucine. The newly-married couple went to Germany, and visited the old ancestral home of Lucine's people. They lived long and happily, doing good to all who came under their influence.

The Thin Man from Dayton.

Yesterday morning, soon after the eating stands in the Central Market had been thrown open to the maw of the hungry public, and while Mrs. Magruder was telling a small boy that she could hold up her hand and swear that she never used beans in her coffee, a stranger came along and asked if he could get a bite to eat. Mrs. Magruder has been on the market for many years, and she thinks she knows a thing or two. She has flattered herself that she could tell to a bite just how much a customer could eat, and she has for years had an undisguised contempt for thin-bodied, spare-faced men, who try to chew their coffee and mince their toast.

This stranger was a little better than a six-foot shadow. His foreground consisted of a shirt-collar and a mouth as big as a mince-pie, and the perspective revealed nothing but two hollow eyes set below a thin line of sandy eyebrows. He remarked that he had just arrived from Dayton, and was somewhat hungry, but wanted first to inquire how much his breakfast would cost him, as he was rather short of funds.

"Oh! I suppose you may be able to worry down six or seven cents' worth of provisions and a cup of coffee, she replied.

"Suppose you say twenty-five cents for all I want to eat?" he said, as the corners of his eyes began to twitch.

Mrs. Magruder looked him over and mentally calculated that she would make just thirteen cents by the bargain, and she replied:

"I must have my money in advance, you know."

"Oh, certainly—here it is. Now, then, I'm to eat my fill for the quarter?"

She said that was the understanding, and winked at the next stall. The thin man from Dayton doubled up on a stool, opened his mouth, and a fried sausage went out of sight so quickly that the last end seemed to smoke. A fried cake followed, then a second sausage, and after a gulp or two the man handed out his cup with the words:

"That tastes like real coffee—gimme some more."

While she was filling the cup he got away with two hot biscuits and a slice of beef, and the coffee came just in time to wash down a hunk of mince pie. He could use both arms and his mouth at once, and he attended strictly to business. When Mrs. Magruder had filled the third cup her smile had quite vanished. She saw that she wouldn't come out even without resorting to strategy, and she began asking questions. The man answered none of them except by a mournful shake of the head. Crash! crash! went his jaws, and he reached out from the shoulder like clock work. Mrs. Magruder called his attention to a dog fight across the way, but he ate faster than ever. The bell struck 9 and she remarked that a big conflagration was raging at the Union depot, but the man did not raise his eyes.

When Mrs. Magruder discovered that she was at least six shillings behind she said that she was a "poor widow with five children to support."

"How I do pity you!" replied the man as he passed his cup with one hand and raked in a biscuit with the other.

Then Mrs. Magruder told a story about a man dropping dead in the market the day before on account of overeating, but the man got away with two fried cakes and replied:

"Curious how some folks will make hogs of themselves."

At length Mrs. Magruder wanted to know how much longer he could stand it, and the thin man from Dayton gave her a reproachful glance and answered:

"Have I thus early fallen in with swindlers and falsifiers?"

She let him go on for three or four minutes more, and then she hinted that a detective was prowling around there evidently "spotting" some one.

"If he'll only give me twenty-five minutes to finish my breakfast, he can take me and be hanged!" answered the man, and his arms worked faster than ever.

Mrs. Magruder was cornered. She laid his money down and asked him for the sake of her poor orphans to move on and leave her at least one fried-cake as a business foundation. He paused with his cup held out for the seventh time, and perhaps something in her tearful look reminded him of his poor dead mother, for he said:

"Well, I am only human, and I admit that my heart is tender. I don't like to break off in the middle of my breakfast, but I'll take the money and move on for your children's sake."

He got up looking just as much like a lath as when he sat down, and when he was out of sight Mrs. Magruder turned to the desolate ruins and groaned out:

"I'll take my solemn oath if four dollars would make me good for this, and I must tell my husband that I fitted out a schooner on trust!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

A Parisian has patented a method of protecting iron from rust. He coats the surface to be protected with a thin film of borate of lead having a little oxide of copper dissolved in it, and suspended in it bright scales of precipitated platinum. A red heat is employed to fuse the composition, which is applied with a brush, or employed as a bath for smaller articles.

Wages that have not come down—A clergyman recently aroused his sleepy audience by asserting in the most positive manner that, notwithstanding the hard times, the wages of sin have not been cut down one iota.

Dead Bertie's Frock.

Policemen cannot stop long to sympathize with poor people; but now and then they encounter a touch of nature that must thrill the hardest heart. One of the New York officers, the other day, noticed a poor man peering around the junk shops, and asked him what he was looking for.

"I'm looking for a rag-buyer. I'd know his rig if I should see it again, but I haven't the least idea where he lives or when I'll find him."

"Did he steal something from you?"

"N—no," was the hesitating reply.

"Want him arrested for anything?"

"No—no. I—hope you won't laugh at me if I tell. You see, there's only my wife and I—and—there's no work, and it's a struggle with us, and sometimes we sit in the darkness and wish we were dead and buried 'longside of our little Bertie, up in the poor folks' share of the cemetery. That little grave up there is all that keeps us here; we cling to life, that we may keep the flowers growing there.

"I've stood on the streets many a time and felt like going to death at one jump, but that grave rose up to warn me back. On my way home at night I've feared time after time, to find the house deserted, or a corpse on the floor; but that little grave has restrained my wife the same as me."

"How old was she?" asked the officer, his own heart aching a little.

"Th—three years old," replied the man, "and she was the only child ever coming to bless us. We had luck enough before she died. I had work day in and day out; my wife was singing the whole day long, and when I started for home at night, the knowledge that Bertie would be watching for me through the bars of the gate, picked my feet up faster than anything ever has since."

"Well?" queried the officer, as the man paused.

"Well, she took sick and died. It was three years ago, but her voice rings in my ear up to this hour the same as if I had left her at home. It's the same with the wife, sir. A dozen times a day she runs to the door, thinking she heard Bertie's voice; and I never go in that she doesn't look at me with reproach for not having our dead darling on my arm."

"I've lost two children," sighed the officer, as he turned his head away.

"Then you know how the wife treasures up the little dresses, and stockings, and hats and things." And the poor fellow went on to tell how his wife, in making up a little bundle for the ragman one day, by some mistake, put into it little Bertie's Sunday frock, and it was sold and carried off.

"Ever since then," he went on, "she has done nothing but weep and lament, and I've looked here and there and everywhere in hopes to find the ragman, and get the precious relic back. It may seem a small thing to you, sir; but to us—we remember the first time she wore it—how proud she was—how we took her walking—how much she looked like a rich man's child.

"That dress had more tear stains than all the other relics, and though I haven't fifty dollars' worth of furniture in the house, I'd give every stick of it, and go into the street, to find Bertie's Sunday frock. I don't expect to get it now. It has probably been sent to the paper mill before this, and we've lost it forever."

"I'm sorry," said the policeman.

"And when I go home to-night," softly said the man, "my wife will be standing at the gate, watching and hoping; and as far as she can see me she'll know by my face that my search has been for nothing. I had rather lose a finger than meet her white face and sorrowful look."

And with weary step and hopeless heart he dragged along, having such a mission as neither hope, despair, nor love brings to one in ten thousand.

Snake Bites.

The fangs—there are two in number—of a poisonous serpent are hollow. Through these fangs the poison is injected into the wounds made by them.

The bite of a poisonous snake always makes two deep punctures; that of a non-poisonous snake is irregular in shape.

When the poison is injected into a large vein, death may be almost instantaneous. Death from a rattlesnake-bite generally occurs in five or six hours. The pain, which is severer than that of a bee-sting at the start, becomes more and more excruciating to the last. The limbs, and especially the head, are greatly swelled. If the victim is strong, he may live a few hours longer, and then die of general mortification.

The rattlesnake can neither spring upon a man, nor can it pursue rapidly. Ordinarily, snakes bite only when they are provoked.

Where vipers and the smaller snakes are found, woodmen and others should wear thick boots, as they seldom attempt to bite above the ankle, and their fangs cannot penetrate leather.

A person bitten should drink freely, every fifteen or twenty minutes, a gill or more at a time, of whisky, brandy, rum or gin, diluted with hot water, stopping just short of intoxication. This will generally effect a cure in a few hours, in the case of bites from our American snakes.

As serpent poisons are not injurious when taken into the stomach, it is always safe to let a person suck the wound with his mouth, provided there is no abrasion of the lips.

The *Detroit Free Press* speaks of the mellowing influence which lightning has upon liquors, and cites the fact that the French use electricity for that purpose in new distillations. We know nothing of this theory, but from samples frequently exhibited in our streets, have but little doubt that *lightning whisky* has a very mellowing influence upon those who unduly imbibe it.—*Norfolk (Va.) Ledger.*

Breathing Gymnastics.

The importance of breathing plentifully of fresh air as an essential of health is generally admitted. Well ventilated rooms, open-air exercise and excursions into the country are appreciated to some extent by all classes. But the art of breathing is very much overlooked. Being a process not depending on the will for its exercise, it is too much left to the mere call of nature. It is, however, an act which can be influenced very materially by the will. Properly trained singers are taught to attend very carefully to their breathing. When brisk muscular exercise is taken, breathing is naturally active without any special effort. But when the body is at rest or engaged in occupation requiring a confined posture, and especially when the mind is absorbed in thought, the breathing naturally becomes diminished and the action of the lungs slow and feeble. As a remedy for this, it has been suggested that there is room for what might be fitly termed breath gymnastics—to draw in long and full breaths, filling the lungs full at every inspiration, and emptying them as completely as possible at every inspiration, and to acquire the habit of full breathing at times. This mode of breathing has a direct effect in supplying the largest possible amount of oxygen to the blood and more thoroughly consuming the carbon and so producing animal heat. It has also the very important effect of expanding the chest and so contributing to the vigor of the system. The breath should be inhaled by the nostrils as well as by the mouth, more especially while out of doors and in cold weather. This has partly the effect of a respirator in so far as warming the air in its passage to the delicate air cells and in also rendering one less liable to catch cold. This full respiration is of so much importance that no proper subject is to be found for it in short though more rapid breathing. In short breathing a large portion of the air cells remain nearly stationary, the upper portion of the lungs only being engaged in receiving and discharging a small portion of air.—*Chambers' Journal.*

SICK HEADACHE.—This complaint is the result of eating too much and exerting too little. Nine times out of ten the cause is in the fact that the stomach was not able to digest the food last introduced into it, either from its having been unsuitable or excessive in quantity. A diet of bread and butter, with ripe fruits or berries, with moderate, continuous exercise in the open air, sufficient to keep up a gentle perspiration, would cure most every case in a short time. Two teaspoonfuls of powdered charcoal in half a glass of water and drank, generally gives instant relief. We are inclined to think that the above remedies may do in some, but not in all cases. A sovereign remedy for this disease is not easily found.

FRENCH ROLLS.—In kneading dough for the day's baking, after adding and working in the sponge, set aside enough for a loaf of tea-rolls, work into this a heaping tablespoonful of lard or butter and let it stand in a tolerable cool place, out of all draught, for four hours; knead again and let it stand three hours more; make inio rolls; roll out very lightly pieces of the dough into round cakes and fold these not quite in the center, like turnovers; let it raise for an hour, bake steadily half an hour, or less if the oven is quick. Can make Graham rolls the same way.

BLUING.—Take one ounce of Prussian blue, one-half ounce oxalic acid; dissolve in one quart perfectly soft rain water; insert a quill through bluing-bottle to prevent waste of putting too much in clothes, and you will be pleased with the result. One or two tablespoons is sufficient for a tub of water, according to the size of the tub. Chinese blue is the best and costs twelve and a half cents an ounce, and the acid will cost three cents. This amount will last a medium-sized family one year.

HAM OMELET.—Take one teacupful lean cooked ham, chopped fine; put in a bowl and break five or six eggs, add a little pepper and heat all together. Have your frying-pan hot, with a good piece of butter in it; put the mixture. When it is set, double one half on to the other, and let it stand a few minutes, when it will be ready to serve. Any other kind of meat may be used, and different kinds of sweet herbs for flavoring. It makes a nice breakfast dish.

GRAHAM BREAD.—Prepare a sponge as for white bread; then when very light, take two parts graham flour, one third white, and to every quart of this allow a handful of meal, a teaspoonful salt; wet this up with the sponge, and when mixed add for a loaf of fair size half a teacup molasses; the dough should be very soft; knead it diligently and long, it will not rise so rapidly as white; rise second time; brown flour should not be sifted.

SALAD SAUCE.—Put the yolks of two hard-boiled eggs on a plate, and with a wooden spoon mash them smooth, mixing with them a tablespoonful of water and two tablespoonfuls of salad oil; then add, by degrees, a saltspoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of mustard and a teaspoonful of powdered loaf sugar; when these are all smoothly united add gradually three tablespoonfuls of vinegar.

RAISIN PIE.—One cup of raisins, chopped fine, one cup of sugar, two eggs, one cup of vinegar, one cup of syrup, one cup of water, one-half cup of flour, one teaspoonful of cloves, the same of cinnamon and soda, butter size of an egg; two crusts.

Suet and lard keep better in tin than in earthen. Suet will keep good the year around, if chopped and packed down in a stone jar covered with molasses.

Singe with alcohol instead of paper—a teaspoonful is sufficient for either a turkey or chicken.

Caste in England.

There is no country in the world where a titled name commands so much respect as in England. It is easy to explain that the aristocracy of this country is not a cheap aristocracy—that it represents an illustrious descent or an intellectual worth which is deserving of public esteem. But this was not always the case. Even in our own day men have been raised from the ranks with no such claim. Yet we know the mere prefix of a "Sir" before a name goes far to this day at a committee meeting or in a ball-room. Whether it be a fault or a virtue this is a national peculiarity. The lines of social demarcation are nowhere more emphatically indicated than in our own country. They do not indeed preclude inter-marriages, nor are they attended by the absurdities of etiquette which the Hindoo of Brahmin faith might impose, but they separate by a stern law of artificial life, class from class which is unknown elsewhere in modern Europe. They are drawn through all grades of society, from the most elevated *coterie* down to the humble office of domestic life. A French *bonne* is much more a servant in her dress, and far more humble in her notions than an English nursemaid. Yet an English nurse maid would not presume to address her mistress in the familiar language which the French *bonne* would use towards madame. She could not be trusted with the license; not, heaven knows, because the English character has less diffidence in its composition than the French, but because she would at once forget her station. A German gentleman sees nothing *infra dig.* in shaking hands with his tailor, but an Englishman knows that if he were to admit his tradesmen to the same privilege he would probably first undervalue it, and then presume upon it. It is a painful fact that if you wish to command civility and attention in an ordinary London shop where you are not in the habit of dealing it is necessary to assume an air of calm superiority to the gentleman across the counter. If you approach him with a humble manner, he will regard you with an eye of suspicion. But, if you are polite to him, he will often treat you with absolute contempt. These are only some familiar illustrations out of many which might be selected to show that this superiority or precedence of class over class is not only assumed downward, but looked for upward in England. It is to be feared that the romantic notions of British freedom formed by Roman peasants and Venetian gondolieri might find realization in a sort of bondage from which they would gladly escape. What are commonly known as the "lower orders" here have much more political but far less social liberty than they enjoy under the rule of some foreign states. The origin of this state of things with us, may, in a great measure, be attributed to the gross ignorance which has so long characterized the English poor. The mental condition of a London laborer or small tradesman was not many years ago, perhaps in some instances still is, far inferior to the average capacity of similar classes on the Continent. In Germany, where education has long been compulsory and undertaken by the State, the humblest errand boy is better informed on most subjects than those who would be in the position of his employers here. It would, therefore, be most undesirable to allow familiarty from those who have never learned the dangers of its abuse.

Charlotte Bronte once wrote to her sister Emily a Christmas letter, which has just been discovered in a scrap-book at an old bookstall. It runs thus:

"HAWORTH, Dec 4.

"My Dear Emily: Christmas—dear Christmas—is rapidly approaching, and the time is drawing on apace for your appearance among us again at the "ingle nook." I yearningly desire—after this prolonged separation—to press you once again to my heart, my dearest sister. What a joyful meeting on that day of all days—the anniversary of the birth of our blessed Redeemer! The cold air is bracing and exhilarating as I open my window this genial morning in hoary December, and I have a rosy glow playing around my heart, for I am truly happy. *Et vous!*—ah, you too must be happy, for the chord, vibrating, is sympathetic, is responsive in your own dear breast. We have, in good sooth, both reason to thank the Giver of all things; for have we not many blessings? Do we not possess the great poetic faculty—the Ideal—the Mirthful—the Imitative? Are we not both acknowledged authors? The creative faculty makes us truly happy. If you start next Thursday week, I will be waiting the coach; do not hamper yourself with unnecessary clothes or luggage; you can have everything here—even to the wearing of my old slippers, cut a little at the toes.

"Yours affectionately,
"CHARLOTTE BRONTE."

"Procrastination is the thief of time."—*Young's Night Thoughts.* Procrastination was arrested and time found in his pocket, whereupon he was fined ten dollars and costs, and locked up in the city lock-up over night. The next morning he couldn't raise the wind, and a blear-eyed justice sent him down for thirty days.

A Silesian sculptor has placed in the Town Hall of Konigshutte a bust of the Emperor William, chiselled out of common coal. The likeness is said to be excellent, and the work well executed. That would be an excellent material to chisel the head of the King of Dahomey from.

There is not a stream of trouble so deep and swift-running that we may not cross safely over it if we have the courage to steer and strength to pull.

A man's money is invested when he has it in his waistcoat pocket.

"Roaming Robert."

The editor of the Burlington *Hawk eye* has been traveling in the lecture field during the past month, and writing sketches of travel by the way. One of his latest "yarns" excels almost the greatest he ever told. How much of it he expected to be worthy of credence, the reader must judge. He says:

"I went to a hotel in Peru, and took a room with a fire, a lame window curtain, an invalid water pitcher and some other portable articles of furniture in it, and left my baggage carelessly piled up in great stacks around the room. Judge of my dismay, when after leaving the room for a few moments, I returned to discover that a desperate attempt had been made by a party of men, who had evidently been following me for several days, to steal my diamond necklace. You remember the necklace very well, of course; it is the same one I lectured in last season, and was a present from Khalil Bey, to whom it had descended among the family jewels. It was originally obtained by his grandfather, who was a Buddhist priest, and stole the necklace from the image of Bhundal-up-Ghud, in the hill district, Jabbal-al-Jal. The stones were unusually large and brilliant, and some of them weighed four ounces when killed and dressed. It was valued at $34,000. The robbers, four in number, who had probably seen me wear it, and had followed me for several days, were masked, and effected an entrance into my room by climbing a telegraph pole about two miles down the Wabash track. Thence they "cooned" along the wire until they got into town, when they got onto the roof of the station and descended to the ground, went around behind the hotel, found a ladder probably left there by some accomplices, got onto the roof of the hotel, entered the chimney and worked their way down into the cellar. It was then easy work to come up the cellar stairs, go into the wash room and wash their hands and remove their masks, and then they came out into the office and asked the clerk the number of my room. Then, the deed was all but accomplished, when, by a piece of wonderful good fortune, I returned to my room, having been out in the back yard stealing enough wood to make the fire last fifteen minutes, just in time to prevent the spoilation of my jewel case. The robbers escaped, leaving the hotel and the city in the same manner as they entered it. I think, indeed, I have been rather indiscreet, seeing that I travel alone, in wearing so much valuable jewelry. I enclose necklace herewith. Hang it up on a nail in the *Hawkeye* office until I return home, and don't let Newt wear it every time he goes to a party.

A Rancher's Life in Colorado.

A correspondent of the Troy *Times* writes:

"We at the East can hardly realize the isolation oftentimes attending ranch life. A few days since we renewed the acquaintance of a young gentleman whom we met in Denver last year. He is of a distinguished family of Northern New York, and a graduate of one of our Eastern colleges. He came to this State about a year ago for the benefit of his health, which was considerably impaired. His physician advised him to go on a sheep ranch, where he would have constant out-door employment. He soon engaged himself to two Scotch shepherds to assist them in the care of sheep, and for five months the three men managed the affairs of the ranch, both indoors and out, each taking his turn in the art of cooking, and each doing his own washing. The ranch is situated seventy-five miles from Colorado Springs, which is their base of supplies.

"The unvarying duties of a shepherd are about as follows: at sunrise to take his flock, usually from 400 to 600, accompanied by his trusty horse and faithful dogs, to green pastures and beside still waters, if he can find them, and there remain all the day long with a watchful eye over his charge, to see that none fall into the ditch or go astray. When the sun goes down behind the Rocky Mountains it is time to start for home. The signal is given by the shepherd, the dog is on the alert, and the 'bell wether' leads the way to the field or corral for the night, and when safely protected from foes without, such as prairie wolves, the day's work is done, only to be repeated day in and day out, month after month. The dog is a valuable auxiliary in the care of sheep. The 'Scotch collie' surpasses all others in his natural aptitude for his work, and oftentimes one well trained sells for $150.

MR. FIELDS ON BOSTON'S BOY MURDERER.—Said Mr. James T. Fields, in his lecture on "Fiction," in the Brooklyn Athenæum last night: "I recently paid a visit to the Pomeroy boy, who was sentenced to be hanged for killing three children, but whose sentence was afterwards commuted to imprisonment for life. I asked him if he read much. He said that he did. 'What kind of books do you read?' 'Mostly one kind,' he said—'mostly dime novels.' 'What is the best book you have read?' said I. 'Well, I like *Buffalo Bill* best,' he replied. 'It was full of murders, and pictures about murders.' 'Well,' I asked, 'how do you feel after reading such a book?' 'Oh,' said he, 'I feel as if I wanted to do the same,' I think," added Mr. Fields, "that the writers of such trash deserve, to speak after the manner of Sir Thomas Browne, pendulous suffocation."

The reason that milk boils more readily than water is because it is a thicker liquid, and consequently less heat is carried off by evaporation of steam; therefore the heat of the entire mass will rise more rapidly. Again, there is a thin skin which forms upon the top of heated milk, which of course confines the steam, and increases the heat.

We have heard our ear ring.

THE WINTERS ADVOCATE.

Dwight L. Hackett,.....Editor.

SATURDAY, : : APRIL 12, 1879

List Of Yolo County Postoffices.

Woodland. [county seat]....Louis Walker.
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Grafton.....S. J. Fryatt.
Yolo.....Geo. F. Wherry.
Davisville.....L. C. Drummond
Madison.....Dr W. E. Fifield
Capay.....E. E. Pirkins.
Blacks Station.....C. S. Huston.
Dunnigan.....C. S. Gray.
Plainfield.....A. Woldorf.

NEWS ITEMS.

It is said that Horatio Seymour will not accept the nomination for Governor of New York under any consideration.

Some one has interviewed Hendricks and been informed that he will not accept a second place on the ticket again.

The crop prospects in the Southern California coast counties are better than at any other time for the past seven years.

The California Northern Railroad Company has taken a new departure, and is substituting white men as laborers for its Chinamen.

An attempt is to be made in the present Congress to procure the passage of a bill to throw open Indian Territory for settlement.

Hon. Thos. Fitch, he of the silvery tongue, made his appearance before a San Francisco audience last night in the character of "Richelieu."

The Chairman of the National party says that his organization will certainly nominate a candidate for President, and that Butler will probably be the man.

Twenty-five per cent. of the children in the public schools of Virginia City are down with the measles. The doctors pronounce it increasing, but of a mild type.

H. L. Knight has started on a stumping tour of the Southern counties on behalf of the anti-Kearney wing of the Workingmen's party and against the new Constitution.

Hon. Jesse O. Goodwin, hold-over State Senator from Yuba county, and a leading lawyer of the State, has been placed in the Napa Insane Asylum, afflicted with softening of the brain.

Gov. Irwin has issued a proclamation calling a general election for the first Wednesday in May—the 7th—for the purpose of voting upon the question of the adoption of the new Constitution.

The Chapel at the Yosemite Valley will be finished by the 8th of June next, and on that day the great Sunday School Convention will assemble, when the dedication of the Chapel will take place.

General Walker, of the Census Bureau, states that the main body of the census will be undertaken next fall. There will be two or three months' preparation, and the census itself will be taken in a month's time.

The Dixon *Tribune* does not believe Hood Alston ever committed suicide, but holds that he is still alive, and claims that the letter purporting to come from his father was a palpable forgery in Alston's hand writing.

In the State and municipal elections held in some of the Eastern States last week there were several Democratic gains, but they were balanced by Republican gains in other places. It has been a stand off.

A proposition is before the Legislature of Illinois for a constitutional amendment providing that sessions of the General Assembly for the purpose of law-making shall be held but once in six years, but that the biennial sessions shall be continued for the purpose of making the regular appropriations and tax levies.

A letter has been received at the San Francisco *Chronicle* office from John Russell Young, the well-known journalist, who is accompanying General Grant in his trip around the world. The letter is dated "Allahabad (Hindostan), February 22d," and states that General Grant and party will be in California in August or perhaps earlier.

A. A. R. Utting has sold the *Lake Democrat*, published at Lakeport, to John R. Cook, who will hereafter be its editor and proprietor. Mr. Utting started the *Democrat* about four years ago, and by perseverance and ability made his paper the first in the county. We hope his retirement from the editorial field of California will not be permanent.

We admit that a majority of the papers of the State are against the new Constitution, but we must also admit that every paper in the State that is owned and controlled by the corporations and money kings is with that majority. A great many honest men are opposed to it, but there are no thieves in favor of it.

THE NEW LAW.

By this time the proposed new Constitution has been placed in the hands of nearly every voter in the State, and no doubt the opinion that is held on the subject to-day by the people, will be expressed on the 7th of next month at the polls. The feeling on the subject is already great and will continue to increase. The arguments that are being brought out against it in many instances are too trivial to be noticed. All that can be done by the capitalists and monopolists who have so long held undisputed control of the State, will be done, and this will include a lavish expenditure of money, as can already be seen. The strongest advocates of the new law do not claim that it is infallible; no law made by man can be. But they do claim, and justly too, that it is far superior to the old law, under which the people of this State have been held as in a vice, and from which they have so long hoped for a relief. The more the question of the change is discussed the more favorably the people look on that change, and the faster the fallacious arguments of the opposition fall to the ground. We have heard the objection raised that if the Constitution carries it will give the Workingmen's party sufficient prestige to carry the State at the Gubernatorial election this Fall. We don't think it will do any such thing; but suppose it does. If that party are in the majority then, will they not have the right to put their men in the offices? Is the will of the majority something to be feared? Is it wrong? Nay, verily! If the majority of the people in the State vote against the new Constitution it will be the will of the people that it is not a change for the better, and the people are the sole judges of what they want. But we do not think it will be voted down. On the 7th of May next we expect to see such a majority rolled up at the polls in favor of the change as will show that the people have waked up at last and are determined that they shall no longer be the slaves of corporations, capitalists and land-grabbers. We shall see what we shall see.

STARTING IN LIFE.

The first great lesson a young man should learn is, that he knows nothing. The earlier and more thoroughly this lesson is learnt the better. A home-bred youth, grown up in the light of parental admiration, with everything to foster his vanity and self-esteem, is surprised to find, and often unwilling to acknowledge, the superiority of other people. But he is compelled to learn his own insignificance; his arts ridiculed, his blunders exposed, his wishes disregarded, and he is made to act in every sorry figure until his self conceit is abused and he feels that he knows nothing.

When a young man has thoroughly comprehended the fact that he knows nothing, and that intrinsically he is of but little value, the next lesson is that the world cares nothing for him. He is the subject of no man's overwhelming admiration; neither petted by the one sex nor envied by the other, he has to take care of himself. He will not be noticed till he becomes noticeable; he will not become noticeable until he does some thing to prove that he is of use to society. No recommendation or introduction will give him this; he must do something to be recognized as somebody. There is plenty of room for men in the world, but there is no room for idlers. Society is not very particular what a man does, so long as he does something useful, to prove himself to be a man; but it will not take the matter on trust.

Samuel J. Randall, Speaker of the House of Representatives, will pay this coast a visit after the adjournment of Congress. He will be accompanied by a party of Congressmen and prominent politicians. Speaker Randall also announces that if any general legislation is entered upon he will bring before the Democratic caucus the anti-Chinese bill of the last session, amended in accordance with the veto of President Hayes, so that he will not have any excuse for withholding his signature.

BOOKS FOR THE YOUNG.—While parents and guardians would consider themselves culpable and negligent if children under their charge should partake of poisonous food or drink, yet how few are equally solicitous as to the character of the mental food supplied to the youthful mind. Three New York forgers have recently been brought back from Barbadoes by the police and are awaiting trial. They ascribe their crimes to the influence of dime novels. It is not enough that parents should simply forbid their children reading such demoralizing literature; it is equally important that every household should be supplied with books and magazines that are elevating and instructive in their tone and contents. The active minds of youth demand some occupation, and will gravitate towards that which is exciting and stimulating unless wiser counsels prevail.

We have received the first number of *The State*, "a journal of politics and opinion," published weekly at San Francisco, by Henry George. The politics are Democratic, and the opinions seem to be mostly in opposition to the new Constitution.

THE SAME OLD PLAN.

The Republican leaders at Washington are attempting to enkindle a flame of sectional hatred between the people of the North and South. In order to do this they are willing to resort to the most despicable means, and squander millions of the people's money. They are not willing that the people should "forget and forgive" the errors and wrongs of the past. They are unwilling that that Union for whose perpetuity so many good, brave, and true men sacrificed their lives and their all upon the hottest fields of battle ever known to civilized history, should be cemented together by that strongest of adhesive powers: filial love on the part of the people, and a community interest between different sections. They had rather have perpetual dissension; yea, even disunion, than relinquish their hold upon the reins of government. They not only stir up strife and bitter feeling between Democrats of the South and Rebublicans of the North, but they even strive, by appealing to the very worst passions of men, to provoke sectional bitterness between members of the same party. Upon this basis they are laying the foundation for the next Presidential campaign. But it will not win. It has lost the magnetism it once had. The conservative, thinking men of the country will elect the next President, and that President will be a Democrat whose administration will be just and equitable alike to the people of the North, the South, the East and the West. All true men detest any effort that may be made to irritate the would which should long since have been healed between the North and the South. The people of the South have shown themselves to be as true to the interests and well-being of the entire Union as patriots could be, and they have given the agitators of the Republican party no cause for the resurrection of the "bloody shirt." The representative men of the South have never asked for more favorable consideration from the general Government than is accorded to any other section of the country. They only ask equal and impartial justice. If there is evidence of treason in this, then who blames them for being traitors? But if such demand for equal justice is conceded to be right, then are those who oppose the principle the ones that should be regarded as a dangerous element to our institutions. If the Republican party has to again depend upon the "bloody shirt" issue for its success, it had just as well throw up its organization for all time to come. It can never be made to win again, unless the people lose their senses. The better class of people of all parties are disgusted with such subterfuge, and they will properly repudiate any effort to inflame one section against another upon merely sectional grounds.—*Amador Dispatch.*

THE EXODUS SCHEME.

The work of Northern associations among Southern negroes in inducing them to emigrate from the South has resulted in the present exodus. The movement began soon after the Presidential struggle. The popularity of the Liberian movement among South Carolina blacks led the "exodus magnate" to open correspondence with Western land and railway agencies, and just as they were about ready to talk up the advantages of the chosen Western paradise, the railway land negotiators themselves rushed in with glowing prospectuses and precipitated a stampede. This land comes to the railway company as subsidy from Texas. Sections between railway lands belong to the State, and these are to be pre-empted at $1.50 per acre. It is understood that about 2,800 families are ready to start. It is supposed that these people will start about April 19th—Emancipation Day. Letters have been received in Boston within a week from leading Southern colored men stating that the tide will swell until there will be a sufficient decrease of population in the Southern States to reduce their representation in Congress in the next apportionment by at least fifteen. The locality in which these new settlers were to have been collected was Texas, between New Mexico and the Indian Territory. Here, starting with about 200,000 men—one-third of them with families—it was anticipated that in time a territory might be set off by itself as a State, to be called "Lincoln." In furtherance of this scheme there was formed some months ago in this city a National Farmers' Association. This Association engaged from the Dallas and Wachita Railroad, a Texas corporation, sixty-five alternate sections of land, to be paid for at the rate of $1.25 per acre. The Association issued lots of 200 shares of stock, each share at $100. These are sold to colored people and are accepted by the railroad corporation as cash in their purchase of land. The organization referred to is one of several in the North, their formation being preceded by the circulation of political documents among the negroes during the past two years. Probably the most influential of these documents have emanated from Boston, known as the "First Principle Papers."

The new Constitution aims a direct blow to the wool-growers' interest. If it should be adopted it will destroy this branch of our State resources. Under its provision for taxing unimproved land at the same rate as the same quality of land that is already improved and cultivated, the grazing hills of the sheep ranges, which are all capable of grain crops, will have to be taxed at the same rate as wheat-bearing lands.—*S. F. Commercial Advocate.*

The person who can arrive at such a conclusion, after reading the section of the new Constitution to which it refers, ought to have a life-long and undisputed title to the name of "Great American Lunatic."

Tell us not in mournful numbers that this life is but a dream, when a girl that weighs one hundred gets outside of a quart of cream—and then wants more.—*Elmira Gazette.* Life is real, life is earnest, and the girls know what they need, but on cream they are the durnedest set to show their grit and greed. No encore.—*New York News.* Let us then be up and doing, with a heart for any fate; but let us never go a wooing girls that want a second plate. How's that?—*Newsboy.* Lives of such girls all remind us, as we float adown the stream, that the boys who come behind us will have to pay for lots of cream. N-e-x-t!—*Yonkers Gazette.* Be not like dumb driven cattle, be a hero in the strife, never with her mother battle, save the ice cream for your wife. Proceed!—*S. F. News Letter.* Art is long and time is fleeting; she fulfills my wildest dream; but I'll swap her for another when it comes to buying cream. Continue!—*Sac. Union.*

In the world's broad field of battle, it is plainly to be seen, that a girl that's large and fat'll eat more cream than one that's lean. Go it!

The opposers of the new Constitution say the great objection to it is that Kearney is for it. Well, all the land-grabbers, railroad and stock thieves and lobbyists are against it, and if Kearney has ever done any more harm than they have, it was before he came to this State. Honors are easy.

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LORENZO MOODY, Postmaster.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Madison has organized a Republican Club.

J. H. Harlan, of Woodland, was in town this week.

Putah Creek has fallen till it is easily fordable in many places.

The Constitutions have arrived, and are being read and discussed.

District Attorney Garoutte was in town on Monday on official business.

The town was posted with large bills on Wednesday, announcing the picnic at Dixon on Mayday.

The anti-Constitution men are in the minority, but what they lack in numbers they make up in earnestness.

Voters must remember that their names must be on the Register by the first of May to vote on the Constitution.

Dr. Robinson will be in Vacaville next week, and all those who desire his services there will please call early in the week.

There is to be a grand Temperance Picnic at Davisville on the first day of May. An excursion train will be run from Sacramento.

The Odd Fellows of Yolo county will have a grand picnic at Knight's Landing on Saturday, April 26th, the 60th anniversary of Odd-Fellowship.

The work of loading the gravel trains will be done by Chinamen, a large force of whom are already at work grading the track into Cache Creek at Madison.

The Winters public school will continue three or four weeks longer and then the money will be exhausted. The vacation will probably last three months.

Dr. York lectured in Sackett's Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week to very good audiences. He left on Wednesday for his home in San Jose.

We have not heard of any candidates for county officers among the residents of this town. A precinct that gives 130 Democratic majority deserves a place on that ticket.

The Vallejo Rifles will have an excursion to Washington Park, Dixon, on the first of May, and there will be a grand picnic given in connection with it. Read the advertisement.

John Pendegast, Deputy Assessor of Yolo county, is in Winters, and besides listing property, will give all a chance to place their names on the Great Register, who have not already done so.

The engine "Sacramento" is running on the V. V. Road in place of the "Ben Ely," which has been taken to Sacramento for repairs. The gravel trains are expected to be running by Monday next.

The cantata will be repeated at Woodland to-night for the benefit of the college grounds, which are being improved. The proceeds of their former entertainments, after paying all expenses, amounted to about $475.

There will be a grand excursion and shooting match at Washington Park, Dixon, Sunday, 20th inst., the occasion being the opening of the Park for the season. An excursion train will be run from Sacramento.

We suggest that the citizens of Winters hold a meeting for the purpose of discussing the Constitution. If the crowd could be gathered, there would be no want of speakers, judging from the small discussions we hear on the street.

The citizens of Madison intend giving a grand picnic on Mayday. There will be an excursion train run from Elmira and way stations, and we understand a brass band will be engaged. Where is the Winters Band? They should resume.

Judge Hyatt, of Winters, is giving his reasons for opposing the new Constitution in a series of articles in the Woodland *Democrat*. By the way, that paper is about the best country daily in the State, and deserves a liberal support.

Thos. Keefe has sold his drug business to Dr. Bell. H. R. Bell, M. D., a graduate of the University of Maryland, and a brother of the Doctor, will arrive from the East in about two weeks, and a partnership will be formed under the name of Bell Brothers.

M. C. Palmer, our energetic grocer, has secured the agency for Fish Bros.' Wisconsin wagons, and has received quite a large supply of the same. He also keeps on hand agricultural implements, which he will sell cheap. Call and take a look at them. They won't bite.

Some of the summer-fallowed wheat in this vicinity has shown signs of falling down, but the winter-sown is in splendid condition, and will doubtless make a splendid crop. The amount of summer fallow that has fallen is very slight, and will be more than balanced by the heavy yield.

Geo. Frahm, proprietor of Washington Park, Dixon, called on us last Monday. Mr. Frahm is making arrangements for a grand picnic at Dixon on the first of May, and if energy will accomplish anything, he is just the man for it. There is always a large crowd and a good time at his park on Mayday, and he intends to eclipse all his former efforts this year. Read his advertisement.

A Strange Case.

On Saturday last Wm. Overhaus, one of Yolo county's oldest and most respectable farmers, was arrested on complaint of Mr. Haskins, who lives near the former's place, on a charge of an attempt to commit rape on the person of the latter's wife. Mr. Overhaus gave bonds to appear before Justice Hulse on the Monday following to answer the charge, and the circumstance was the cause of general remark in the meantime, as both parties have always borne a reputation of the highest respectability. District Attorney Garoutte came over on Monday to conduct the prosecution, and R. Clark was retained for the defense. When the Court convened the room was packed full, as is always the case when such proceedings are held with open doors. The prosecution introduced but one witness, the lady herself, who told her story in a clear, straightforward way. The defense introduced quite a number of our most respectable citizens to testify to the defendant's good character, and then Mr. Overhaus himself was put upon the stand, and denied the woman's testimony in toto. The District Attorney, seeing there was no possible chance to convict, moved to dismiss the case, which was accordingly done. As he expressed it, some one had most outrageously lied, but who it was was hard to tell. It was a strange case.

50 DOZEN.—We have received 50 dozen Shovels, Spades and Scoops direct from Pittsburg, which we retail at wholesale prices.

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A Straw.

On Wednesday last some gentlemen in Winters took the trouble to count up all the voters living in town who were known to have expressed an opinion in favor of the new Constitution, and also those known to be opposed to that instrument. After doing this and giving the opposing side the benefit of all the doubtful ones, the tally stood 61 for to 22 against. As some of the doubtful ones have since been found to be in favor of its adoption, the "For" side will be still larger when the vote is taken. Yolo county will cast her vote in favor of the change two to one. Put a pin in that spot.

$100 will buy the best Mower in use a F. S. Freeman & Co.'s, Woodland and Capay.

Query.

WINTERS, April 10th, 1879.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—Be so kind as to inform your many readers in this vicinity the reason that we have not anyone appointed in this town to register voters. Some think Daniel and Richard are on the fence waiting for the festive John to report the popular side in regard to the new Constitution. Others say it is because we are almost a unit in favor of the new Constitution. Be the cause as it may, the Court House ring ought to be glad to have our votes next fall at the county election. Our town is in the progressive mood, therefore voters are arriving every day from the surrounding counties. Those parties cannot afford the expense of hiring a team to go to Woodland to be registered. Be so kind as to give this a place in your valuable columns and oblige,

A. FRIEND.

[We do not think Winters is any worse off than other towns in the county. The Deputy Assessor attends to the registration of voters, but he cannot stay any great length of time in any one place.—ED. ADVOCATE.]

Daily arrivals of Hardware, Mowers, Rakes, Shovels, Spades, Shelf Hardware, etc., from the East, at F. S. Freeman & Co.'s, Woodland.

Woodland Items.

[From the Daily Democrat.]

The rainfall for the season, up to April 9th, is 13.31 inches.

There are ten men in the chain gang, which is a good showing for a small county.

Frank Barnes received sixty orange trees from Los Angeles this Spring, many of which were seven years old and had young oranges on them. Transplanting did not injure them.

County Clerk Burns has, of late, sent for a great number of transfers for people who have heretofore resided in other counties, but who have become residents of this county within the last six months.

An exhibition of speed will take place over the Woodland race course on or about April 19th, between the celebrated horse "Col. Lewis," who has a record of 2:18½, and "Adelaide," an Eastern mare, with a record of 2:17.

Some of the Woodland farmers claim that they will be ready for the mower in about two weeks, although the majority will not begin haying before the last of the month.

John Plumer, of Knight's Landing, has left a new buggy in Woodland the other day with the arrangement that if the Constitution is adopted he is to have $200 for it. If not he is to receive nothing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Jane Jenks.

WOODLAND, April 8th, 1879.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—I knew that Jim would go and say something that would demonstrate to a moral certainty that he is suffering from a severe attack of mental debility. So Mister Jim thinks that I always had a strong-minded tendency; small favors thankfully received. I am certain that Jim ought to be grateful, to feel that some one in the family possesses sufficient innate brain power even to make her "strong-minded," and I am sure that my dishwashing and other household duties don't suffer from "literary neglect." Brother Jim give me a lecture on the duties of my sex? Yes, indeed he will! No doubt he thinks that he is fully capable of doing justice to the subject. But let me inform the gentleman that he can no more rise to the true conception of the great and manifold duties of exalted womanhood than Ben Butler could to political honesty. Jim thinks that I ought to have a show to work off my extra supply of energy and big ideas. I am truly thankful that he has made one plea for me.

Our town is now looking her prettiest; dressed in nature's gayest robes, she seems to be coquettin with Spring. Our flower beds are beginning to assume an attractive look to woo the gladness of admiring eyes, as well as to fill the breezes with delicious odors, so that we poor girls can enjoy something in the olfactory line except the odious perfumes from the "Bouquet Special" or "Club House Favorite." Of course they all say that they smoke none but these "elegant brands," but I expect most of them indulge in ten for two bits, as one of our handsome county officials was detected settling his cigar account at these last named rates.

I admit that we, the girls, as the party of the first part, have entered into a mutual protection association on the red stocking blondes, and "if the boys don't look a leetle out" they will have to go it alone, for we never intend to yield. I am proud to say though, that but few of the boys from our set go to such places. In fact, I am creditably informed that most of their audiences are made up of married men. Well, I suppose that they go to frown down the growing evil! But you can just hypothecate a new hat that Jim won't go any more, for if he does I think his wife will give him a little side show that he won't forget; his handbill will read black eyes and a broken nose.

Strong minded, JANE JENKS.

Letter from Knight's Landing.

KNIGHT'S LANDING, April 8th, 1879.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—The north wind of to-day has brightened the appearance of things in and about the Landing. Everybody is happy and prospects never better. I have not become familiar with the town as yet, so I must of necessity be brief.

We narrowly escaped a conflagration on Saturday night last. Our Postmaster and Druggist, while shaving in the rear of his store, heard the crackling of burning wood, which, upon investigation, proved to be a fire in the back of Martin's store. The alarm was at once given; the bucket brigade were immediately on the spot, and with a few buckets of water succeeded in extinguishing the flames before much damage was done. Another hour's headway, and the Landing would have been numbered among the things that were.

The new Constitution is the general topic of conversation. Everybody "has it bad," and you have but to mention the word to secure an attentive and interested audience. I am delighted to report that the town stands three to one in favor of its adoption. Our jolly townsman, John Plumer, is betting brand new buggies against coin that it will be carried by a large majority, with scarcely a taker. Your humble correspondent has been twice requested to "hire a hall."

Accept my thanks for the ADVOCATE and good wishes for its success. We are satisfied it is the best local paper printed in Yolo county. More anon. ERASTUS.

Constitutional Letter.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—On the 7th day of May next the new Constitution must be either adopted or rejected by a vote of the people. A local question of equal importance has never been passed upon by the people of the State. The impending contest is one in which all the monopolies in the State "stand in consolidated array" against the interests of the people. The monopolies are against the new Constitution, because it is against them. The rank and file of the people, if true to themselves, must be for it. In this communication it is my purpose to glance at only two topics: Local Option and the taxation of mortgages.

LOCAL OPTION.

Article XI section 11 of the new Constitution reads: "Any county, city, town or township may make and enforce within its limits all such local, police, sanitary and other regulations *as are not in conflict with general laws.*" Article XI section 4 of the existing Constitution reads: "The Legislature shall establish a system of county and town governments, which shall be as nearly uniform as practicable throughout the State." It will be observed that the section last quoted prescribes *no limits* to the powers which may be exercised by such county and town governments." The case of Ex-Parte Wall, 48th California Reports, 279, is the only one in which the local option question has been before the Supreme Court. The Court in that case does *not* decide that there can be no such thing as Local Option in the State In the decision rendered, prominence is given to the fact that "the Legislature of California has never established a system of town governments." The topic of town governments is more or less discussed from page 317 to 323. And the second objection of the Court to the statute before it was that it was "not a law conferring upon towns any governmental or police powers." And there is a pretty strong intimation from the Court that had it been, the decision might have been otherwise. On that point the question is left open and undecided. Under the new Constitution any such thing as Local Option *"in conflict with general laws"* is expressly prohibited. There is, in my judgment, *more* likelihood of Local Option under the old Constitution than there would be under the new one.

TAXATION OF MORTGAGES.

Under the existing Constitution, no taxes are paid on money lent. There are probably not less than one hundred millions of untaxed credits in the State. Those credits are property protected by law, and the owners of them should pay for such protection. Each man who pays taxes pays on each hundred dollars' worth of property which he owns a certain per cent. for State purposes, and the same or a different per cent. for county purposes. It hence follows that every tax-payer in the State of California contributes something towards the payment of taxes which money lenders ought to pay. Under the existing Constitution money lenders form a privileged class. Under the new Constitution they are placed upon an equal footing with other persons. If we can have one privileged class we can have a hundred. Why tolerate privileged classes in a country in which so much is said about "equal and exact justice to all" and "equality before the law?" JAMES JOHNSON.

Woodland, April 9th.

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Hawk-Eyetems.

O'Leary has bought himself a pair of stilts.

Buffalo Express: Ho-hum! to the truly good, the forty days devoted to Lent are exceedingly long.

Many smokers have noticed that for some mysterious reason there is no pleasure in smoking in the dark.

Picayune: A poet has said, "smile while you can." The men stand about in bar-rooms waiting for angels to live up to that.

Troy Press: For the benefit of the children who are interested in their parents, we announce that the circus crop this year will be large.

Saturday Night: "She never told her love," that she had been eating onions, but their chairs were found a good ways apart the next morning.

Turner's Falls Reporter: An illiterate correspondent, who is given to sporting, wants to know when the "Anglo-Saxon race," so much talked about, is to come off.

"What is the 'Lady of Lyons?'" asked Laura, looking up from her book. "Lioness, of course, you goose," replied Tom, with an expression of many loftiness and superior wisdom.

A company is being organized in Holland for the importation of American live meat. That is all right. You just want to remember there is an immense difference between live meat and live cheese.

Boston Transcript: The dreadful fact that there are minute bugs in brown sugar and wiggling eels in the best vinegar calls for action. Humanity, as well as the bugs and eels, calls loudly for protection.

Boston Commercial Bulletin: A correspondent wishes to know which is the "best western settlement." One hundred cents on a dollar is the best settlement we know of, but there are not many of that kind in the west.

King Oscar of Sweden is about to reply to Pope Pius IX's attacks on Freemasonry. King Oscar himself is a Royal American Bengal Star-striped Bashi Bazouk, if his unpretentious name does make you think of a street car.

Philadelphia Bulletin: A Wisconsin girl wishing to prevent her lover going to California stole all his shirts from the line on which they were hanging out to dry. And yet he could not have been a gay deceiver, when he was so evidently making a clean breast of it.

Captain Paul Boyton is still placidly floating down the Ohio, along with the drift wood and turtles, and he guages the intelligence, refinement, and culture of the towns past which he floats, by the number of people who come down to the bank and watch him paddle.

"Things," quoted David, in poetical mood, "are not what they seem." "Of course not," commented Sadie, "The sewing machine seams, but everybody knows the machine isn't the skirt it seams." And then nobody said anything for a long time, and David made some remark about people who couldn't appreciate sentiment.

Menotti Garibaldi is going to lead 3,000 Italians into Australasia this summer to establish a colony on the New Guinea coast. It is a happy thought. They can take their organs with them, and the monkeys they can have for the catching. The only question is, have the natives of New Guinea any nickels or street car checks to pay for "ze moosic?"

Deadwood is ready for admission to the union. A judge was compelled to censure a jury for acquitting three men whom they knew to be guilty of murder. Deadwood is so rapidly developing the ways of civilization, that a jury in that county knows almost as little, and can misuse what little it does know as wretchedly as the juries in the States.

Lucy Bell, a colored girl of St. Joseph, Missouri, stole two silk dresses and has been sent to the penitentiary for five years. Mr. Gates, State treasurer of Missouri—we forget just how much money belonging to the State he had that the State will never see again, and we kind of disremember exactly what was not done to him for it. We only know that we got the impression that Lucy Bell didn't steal enough.

Oil City Derrick: I think 'twas in September, if I rightly now remember, that I heard a knocking, knocking at my door; yes, I know 'twas in September, for quite well I now remember he had been there about fifty times before; had been there knocking at my door. But I opened not, nor wondered, as upon the door he thundered, for he yelled, "Say now will you settle this 'ere bill I bring you," as he battered on the door, and I answered, calmly answered, "Nevermore."

Recently the train boys have added to the literary department of their nomadic establishments, the *Police Gazette* and the *Police News*, which are now sold openly on many trains. They might just as well be let off. The traveling public can get along without them. They contain no news, and less morals. The spectacle of two or three copies of those profusely but not very carefully illustrated journals, displaying vived pictures of young ladies in all sorts of attitudes, but invarisbly wearing more stocking than drapery; the scene being occasionally enlivened by the illustration of a man cutting off his wife's head with an ax, is neither instructive nor entertaining to a car full of mixed passengers. Women must travel sometimes, and public sentiment and common decency demands that these things should not be thrust into their faces.

Our best scholars tell us that the language of ancient Greece was unsurpassed for its richness and variety of expression. Well then, when an ancient Greek wanted to borrow five dollars of his classic neighbor he either had to ask him,

Have you any
- change?
- scads?
- dough?
- rhino?
- shin plasters?
- shiners?
- ducats?
- soap?
- rocks?
- spoodulix?
- brass?
- scrip?
- legal tender?
- lucre?
- flu?
- chips?
- pewter?
- wherewithal?
- ready come down John?

or else doff his abashed hat to the superior flexibility and greater variety and verbal wealth of the United States language.

Postal Facilities.

In times like these people have a good opportunity to appreciate the accommodations of the post-office. When the railways are all running on time, when all the machinery is smooth, and the mails come and go to the minute, people accept the work of the post-office without stopping to think how much it does or how well it does it. It picks your letter up from the street box in front of your residence, sends it to its destination, gets the answer in the same manner, brings it back and deposits it in your own hand in your own house. It has not been necessary for you to step out of doors, except so far as the street letter box in depositing your letter. With such exactness and certainty does it do this that one may calculate, if his correspondent is prompt, the precise day and hour when the carrier will appear at the door with the answer, even though the distance traveled is thousands of miles. But now that the storms are on, the post-office is in confusion. No one knows when the mail will come, nor what they will contain on arrival. The contrast withthe usual and ordinary regularity is sharp and disagreeable. Anxiety takes the place of confidence. Business is changed, social and family matters are thrown in confusion. We look at the postman afar off with eager eyes, and watch his approaching footstep with new interest. He comes and goes, but he leaves nothing behind. Tedium and monotony reign. In a newspaper office it is like the coming of the end of the world. The great mountain of exchanges has melted and gone, and nothing now stands in its place. The editor is as helpless as an army cut off from its base of supplies. He braudishes his shears, but nowhere do they find anything to cut. He looks into vacancy, scratches his head and thinks. Nothing comes. There is no substitute for ample mail. The paper is due in the morning. Time refuses to wait, and something must be done. Rain or shine, snow or frost, the paper knows no cessation. In the absence of something, it must be made out of nothing. Three or four days can be tided over, but a week, or a month! The result would be fatal. The post-office owes much to the press, and the press is equally indebted to the post-office.

But the post-office does much besides transmitting letters with regularity and bringing exchanges to newspapers. It acts as an exchange and banking office. It will send by means of the money-order system small sums of money to all the financial points in the United States, including every city and nearly every village. It does this at the merest trifle of expense, and with a certainty which is positively absolute. The system is such that a money order can never be lost beyond redemption. It will not only send money in this way throughout the United States, but to all places in England, Ireland, Scotland, the Dominion of Canada and the German states. To all points where there are no money-order offices, the registered letter will carry money and valuable documents with almost equal safety. It is as safe to send money in a registered letter as it is to go and carry it yourself. The government does not guarantee the mail against robbery, and it does not guarantee you from highwaymen. It will pursue and punish the criminals in either case, but it does not make up the loss. That, if any, the individual must suffer. But bolts and bars and safes and vaults are not more secure than the post-office transmissions of money when secured in any of the ways which the post-office provides.

The post-office also acts as an express company. It will take packages of merchandise, within the limit of four pounds in weight, to any part of the country for sixteen cents a pound, and in exactly that ratio for fractions under. A diamond ring, weighing one ounce, will go to Alaska for one cent, and for ten cents more will be receipted for and registered. For the limit of weight and for short distances the express companies are cheaper, but for long distances, to western or southern states, or across the continent, the post-office charge is so insignificant as to be almost ridiculous. The new system of registration for such packages makes them absolutely safe, and they are handled with as much care as letters. The time is coming when the post-office will build elevators for people and lift them over mountains. Its accommodations to-day, as compared with what they were even ten years ago, are wonderful.—*Elmira Advertiser.*

The Largest Libraries.

A correspondent asks which are the largest three libraries in the world, and which the largest in this country. By far the largest in the world is the National Library at Paris, which in 1874 contained 2,000,000 printed books and 150,000 manuscripts. Which the next largest is it is difficult to say, for the British Museum and the Imperial Library of St. Petersburg both had in 1874 1,100,000 volumes. After them comes the Royal Library of Munich, with its 900,000 books. The Vatican Library of Rome is sometimes erroneously supposed to be among the largest, while in point of fact it is surpassed, so far as the number of volumes go, by more than sixty European collections. It contains 105,000 printed books and 25,500 manuscripts. The National Library at Paris is one of the very oldest in Europe, having been founded in 1350, while the British Museum dates from 1753, or a time more than 400 years later. In the United States the largest is the library of Congress at Washington, which in 1874 contained 261,000 volumes. The Boston Public followed very closely after it with 260,500 volumes and the Harvard University collection is next with 200,000. The Astor and Mercantile of New York are next, each having 148,000. Among the colleges after Harvard's library comes Yale's with 100,000. Dartmouth's is next with 50,000, and then come in order, Cornell with 40,000; the University of Virginia with 36,000; Bowdoin with 35,000; the University of South Carolina with 30,000; Ann Arbor, 30,000; Amherst, 29,000; Princeton, 28,000; Wesleyan, 25,500, and Columbia, 25,000.

The question of expensive funerals comes up properly for discussion in this era of hard times. It is a curious fact that, while there has been a decline in wages, and in prices of family supplies, there has been a gradual increase in funeral expenses. Custom has made a rule for wealthy and poor, and both classes blindly follow it. It is a poor custom and should at once be abandoned.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

FLOUR—Exports for March were 47,737 barrels against 44,243 for February, and 40,588 for January. Since July 1st, 1878, our exports have been 386,000 barrels, a sum only exceeded in 1676-7, when we shipped 435,000 barrels. The China steamer of Saturday carried a large cargo which added to exports elsewhere made nearly 25,000 for the week. Receipts are liberal, the market well supplied and easy with a moderate demand.

We quote, Superfine common, $3 50@$4 00; Superfine, $4 12½@$4 25; extra superfine, $4 37½@$4 50; choice and extra choice, $5 00@$5 25; Oregon, good to choice, $4 75@$5 00.

WHEAT—A reaction for the worse in Liverpool caused exporters to hold off at the opening of this week. Miller's and shipper's needs were light, and holders were forced to lower their views before sales could be effected. This slowness ruled all the week, even at the decline, and we have a very quiet market. Freight rates are as before reported, and owners show no disposition to hurry. New engagements are few. No man can act with any degree of confidence until the end of the surplus in our western States comes in sight. The prospects for the next season are good, and nowhere better than in our own State. From present appearance we can hardly look for any better prices next year than have ruled this. There are not wanting men who predict even a lower level of values.

We quote superfine, $1 50@$1 55; fair to choice milling, $1 65@$1 67½; shipping, $1 60@$1 65½.

BARLEY—The bark *B. L.*—carried 11,000 centals to New Zealand. These shipments are part Feed and part Brewing. They go to test that market, and there is not much promise for us there. Feed under small receipts and some reduction in stocks, is doing a little better with a fair demand. Brewing is in some demand and steady.

We quote feed, 70c @ 77½c (all gold); brewing, $1 00@$1 15; chevalier, $1 10@$1 70.

CORN—The market is feverish and spasmodic. Now up, now down. The supply is not large, but the demand is small.

We quote yellow, 90c@97½; white, $1 00@$1 07½c.

OATS—There has been a light inquiry for export to Honolulu. The local demand is small, and prices merely steady; milling is more or less nominal.

We quote milling at $1 40@1 45; good to choice feed, $1 25@$1 30; common to good feed, $1 00@$1 20.

RYE—The supply is larger than the demand and the market weak. We now quote at 90c @ $1.

BUCKWHEAT—We quote nominally as before. For all grades we quote 1 20@$1 50.

MILLSTUFFS—Supplies are larger than requirements. The market is dull and weak. Perhaps nothing would bring outside rates excepting jobbing lots from city mills.

Bran, per ton	11 00@12 00
Middlings, per ton	17 00@18 00
Corn, ground, per ton, gold	21 00@22 00
Barley, ground, per ton, gold	17 00@19 00

HOPS—The market remains dead and nominal.

We quote California 5@8c; Oregon and Washington Territory 2@6c.

WOOL—*San Francisco Prices Current* says: "Receipts of new clip aggregate upwards of 3,000 bags. Kern and Tulare county clips are generally full of dust and very heavy. The shrinkage will be heavy. The Los Angeles arrivals are in fair to good condition. There are a few eastern buyers, three or four here; they do not bite at all. Some houses here have bought small lots to ship East as surplus and to test the market. One firm sent quite a large lot. At asking rates few will venture beyond five or ten bags, and most dealers do not care to operate at all. This time last year the clip was going out as fast as it came in, but this season, judging from present appearances, the warehouses will soon fill up. Eastern markets rule dull and weak. Eastern Oregon, 18c; Valley 20@22c.'

BUTTER—Receipts are not so large as last week. Dairy men are packing freely. The market is still well supplied and easy.

CHEESE—Receipts are large, the market is better supplied and easier.

EGGS—During the month of March last year we received 1,320,000 doz. of Western eggs, 393,000 doz. California and Utah, and 25,000 doz. Oregon. In the market just closed we had 50,000 doz. Western, 16,000 Oregon, and 420,000 doz. California; total for March, 1878, 537,000 doz. and 1879, 486,000 doz. Yet last year prices ruled higher during Lent, because we began the season on a small supply, whereas receipts this year during January and February were larger than last, and we had a good stock on hand March 1st. Besides hard times and slow circulation of money affects everything. For the week under review receipts have been moderate, mostly home product, and about two carloads of Utah, with a few Oregon. The market closes firm; but after next week the demand will be less.

We quote: California choice fresh roll butter, 20@21c; common to good roll, 15@19c; Cheese, California, 10@12½c; Western Cheese, 10@12c ₱ lb: California Eggs, 20@21c.

HAY AND STRAW.—There is a fair demand for choice wheat.

We quote: Wheat, good to prime, ₱ ton $10 00@$13 00; wheat, fair to medium, $8 00@$9 00; oats, wild, ₱ ton, $6 50@$10 50; barley, choice, $8 50@$10 00; barley, ₱ ton, $6 00@$7 50; stock, $6 00@$7 00; straw, ₱ bale, 60@70c.

PROVISIONS—There is little movement, and no change in prices.

We quote: California plain Hams, 9@10; Eastern Canvassed C. S. C. Hams, 10@12½c, as to brand; California Lard, 8@8½c; Eastern do, 8@12½c; California Bacon, 7@9c; Eastern Bacon, 8@10c; California Smoked Beef, $9 00@$11 00 ₱ bbl; Beef, $8 50@$10 50 ₱ bbl; hf bbl, $4 50@$6 00; Pork ₱ bbl, $13 00@$20 00.

SALMON AND SMOKED FISH.—We note a dull and easy market.

We quote, $1 00@$1 12½ for 1-lb tins; bbl, $8; hf bbl, $4 00; all as to quality, where caught and grade of fish. Cod, Pacific, bdls 5@6c ₱ lb; Cod, in cases, 6½@7c; Cod boneless, Eastern, 9@10c ₱ lb; Georges Cod, 9c ₱ lb; Mackerel, hf bbls, No. 1, $10 00@$11 00; do, hf bbls, No. 2, $8 00@$10 00; do, kits, No. 1, $2 25@$2 50; do, kits, No. 2, $2 00@$2 25.

POTATOES—Receipts are small of potatoes, and the market steady. Onions are scarce and dear.

We quote: Choice, $1 10@$1 25; Good, 90@1 00; Fair, 70@ 80c; Poor, 50@65c; Onions, $12 00; Sweet, $1 50@$2 00.

LIVE STOCK AND MEATS—Choice hogs are dearer.

We quote: Beef, first quality, dressed net, ₱ lb 6½@7c; beef, second quality, dressed net, ₱ lb 4½@5c; beef, third quality, ₱ lb 4@4½c; mutton, choice, dressed, ₱ lb 3½@5; hogs, first quality, gross, ₱ lb 3½@4c; hogs, second quality, gross, ₱ lb, 3½@3½c, hogs, dressed, ₱ lb, 5½ @ 6c; hogs, dressed, 2d quality, 5c; veal, small, ₱ lb, 7@8c; veal, large, ₱ lb, 6@7c; lamb, spring, ₱ lb, 10@12c.

BEANS, DRIED PEAS.—Receipts are small. The market is quiet but firm.

Lima, ₱ 100 lbs, $4 50@$4 75; Red, ₱ 100 lbs, $1 75@$2 00; Pink, ₱ 100 lbs, $1 40@$1 50; Bayos, ₱ 100 lbs, $1 62½@$2 00; Small, white, ₱ 100 lbs, $3 00@$3 15; Dried Peas, $3 00@$3 15; Dried Peas, Blackeye, $1 00@$1 50; Dried Peas, small white, $1 00@$1 50; Dried Peas, field pea, $1 00@$1 50.

BAGS AND BAGGING—Grain and Wool bags are active; the former firm and may advance.

We quote: Machine-sewed, 22x36, 9@9½c; Hand-sewed, 22x36, 9@9½c; Gunnies, as to weight, 13@13½c; Oat bags, favorite sizes, 14@15c; Wool sacks, heavy, 47½@50c; Wool sacks, light, 42½@45c; Flour bags, ¼-sacks, 5@6c; Flour bags, ½-sacks, 9@10c.

HONEY—The new crop is reported unpromising; it seems too early to determine much yet. Although receipts are small, stocks here are ample for many months to come, especially for comb, for which there is little outlet; it does not carry well by sea, and there is no demand for the Eas. In New York choice comb sells at 10c, the very top of the market; and good strained at 6c. There is no market for our crop at above 4c for strained. We quote comb 6@9c; Strained 3@5c.

A young Chinaman at Phillips Academy, in Andover, finds his head in danger. John has been rather backward in his studies, so that the Faculty considered it its duty to make the same known to the Chinese Government, at whose expense the young man is educated. This they did, and one may imagine the disgust that was manifested upon reading the reply, which was as follows: "Send him home, and we will behead him." John will stay.

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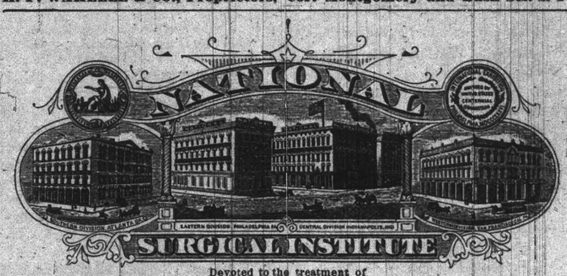

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